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URUGUAYAN STATISTICAL REFORM.

[American Minister Nicolay A. Grevstad, Montevideo.]

The General Council of Statistics has taken steps to bring about an important reform of the commercial statistics of the Republic. Hitherto the import and export values have been based upon prices fixed, in many instances years ago, for fiscal purposes. These prices no longer represent the real value of the articles imported or exported; they are either too high or too low, generally too low. The council intends to base the statistics, beginning with the current year, upon the real values, as near as possible, and to that end solicits the coöperation of leading importers and exporters. This reform is held to be necessary in order that Uruguay may, in the comparative commercial statistics of the world, occupy the place to which it is justly entitled by the volume and value of its commerce.

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